Closure of Handloom Units

1421. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handloom units lying closed in the country; State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have conducted a study in respect of the miserable condition of this industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to conduct a study in this regard;

(e) whether bank loans are not disbursed to the handloom weavers at the appropriate time; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make to bank loans easily available to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) - A Census of Handlooms at the national level covering inter-alia certain data on the socio-economic aspect of handloom weavers was conducted by the Government of India through the State Governments during 1987-88. The State-wise data on working status/idleness of the looms is attached. One of the findings of the Census on the economic status of the weavers revealed that weaving house-holds supplemented their monthly earnings by undertakings non-weaving activities to improve their position significantly. 54%of the weaver households earned only up to Rs. 200/- per month from weaving, but only 7% were left in this class after including non-weaving activities. The earning class, Rs. 201 to Rs. 500/- from all sources contained 43% of the weavers.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). NABARD provides refinance facilities to State Cooperative Banks for financing inter-alia production and marketing activities of primary weavers cooperative societies at concessional rate of interest and procurement, marketing and trading in yarn activities by apex/ regional weavers cooperative societies. NABARD has also formulated schemes for giving assistance for modernisation of looms and for construction of workshed.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the statewise number of working and idle handlooms in the country.

Name of the State/UTs.	*Number of loans*		
	Working	*Idle*	*Total*
Andhra Pradesh	213404	6311	219715
Arunachal Pradesh	45060	456	45516
Assam	1298731	110437	1409168
Bihar	72965	9692	82657
Goa	41	54	95

Name of the State/UTs.	*Number of loans*		
	Working	*Idle*	*Total*
Gujarat	21165	1408	22573
Haryana	17378	2894	20272
Himachal Pradesh	30991	373	34364
Jammu & Kashmir	25253	19	25272
Karnataka	76719	4866	81585
Kerala	41904	9725	51629
Madhya Pradesh	31380	16051	47431
Maharashtra	66437	1205	67642
Manipur	266915	3346	270261
Meghalaya	7783	418	8201
Mizoram	94388	9406	103794
Nagaland	71636	5867	77503
Orissa	92316	26689	119005
Punjab	11292	936	42228
Rajasthan	31694	1562	33256
Tamil Nadu	402046	26499	428545
Tripura	116659	2413	119072
Uttar Pradesh	243675	17039	260714
West Bengal	318514	19985	338499
Delhi	8236	1010	9336
Pondicherry	4841	402	5243
Total	3611513	279063	3890576